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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-5, 8-29, 32, and 33, drawn to a clip.

Group II, claim(s) 6 and 7, drawn to a clip delivery system.

Group III, claim(s) 30, drawn to a method for mounting a base to a clip.

Group IV, claim(s) 31, drawn to a method for demounting a base from a clip.

Group V, claim(s) 34-39 drawn to a connector.

Group VI, claim(s) 40 and 41, drawn to a method for tearing a connector.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Group II lacks a base element.

Group III does not include the feature of a clip or the step of attaching the clip to a base, only the steps for working the base.

Group IV does not include the feature of a clip or the step of removing the clip from a base, only the steps for working the base.

Group V lacks a base element and also lacks the inner and outer tube of group II.

Group VI does not include the feature of a clip or a base.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL G. MENDOZA whose telephone number is (571)272-4698. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Manahan can be reached on (571) 272-4713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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